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Mr. Charles J. Rosenbloom
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Dear Mr. Rosenbloom;

We are writing you concerning a matter of importance, not only for those of us in the Beth Israel Center, but also for the Jewish community of Pittsburgh. For as we said when we spoke to you a few months ago, we are the newest conservative congregation in the Pittsburgh area. We represent a group that is young and full of spirit, and one which can certainly make a fine contribution in time to the general community.

We appreciate very much your interest in our congregation and your expression of a desire to help us in our building program. When we last spoke to you our building plans were still on the drawing board. Now they are fast becoming a reality. Our foundation has been completed and the walls of our structure are slowly going up. With God's help we hope that our Center will be ready for use by late May or early June. Of course though, this is only the beginning. For the building which will have a roof over it by May, will not have too many things inside as yet. Much remains to be done, to furnish and equip our religious school, our sanctuary area, our kitchen, and the rest of our new home.

Our congregation has given of its own resources for this purpose. It has taxed its members with a compulsory building fund pledge. It has been successful in gaining a large loan from the Western Penna. Bank. However, it also has found it necessary to seek the aid of others in the general community. For the task has been too great for the eighty families of our congregation to carry through alone.

We are well aware, Mr. Rosenbloom, of what you and your family have done for the Pittsburgh Jewish community. There is hardly a philanthropic, educational, or religious institution in our midst which is not in some way indebted to the name of Rosenbloom. The same may also be said for the cause of Israel, and many Jewish communities overseas.

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Therefore we feel very fortunate that a man of your standing has consented to help us. We will be forever grateful for your generosity.

May God bless you and yours with good health, and every happiness.

With kindest regards, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kaufman, Rabbi

Sidney Friedlander, President